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JUDGE WRIGHT JUMPS AGAIN INTO STATE LIMELIGHT

FRENCH HOLD UP AMERICAN PLANS TO HELP EUROPE

High Administration Official Says Great Britain, Germany and Other Nations Have Indicated Willingness.

PROPOSAL MADE PUBLIC TO FORCE A SHOW DOWN

France Has Not Rejected Plan but Holding Up Expression; Commission Would Adjust Reparations If Agreeable.

By A. L. BRADFORD
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Washington, Dec. 29.—France alone is withholding acceptance of American intervention in Europe.

Great Britain, Germany and some other nations concerned. It was learned from a high administration official today, already have informally indicated their willingness to accept the American proposal—an international commission of business men and financial experts to recommend a just and practicable revision of German reparations.

The United States would be represented on the commission.

The unofficial revelation of the American plan for bringing Europe out of its present economic chaos was made by President Harding here and Secretary of State Hughes in an address at New Haven last night to force a "showdown" as to whether the United States can aid Europe.

France has not rejected the proposal, but for some time has been withholding its attitude regarding it. Tired of waiting for the French, this government decided to force the issue by making the proposal public, according to the administration official. It was learned that negotiations on the proposal have been carried on for nearly two months.

The American plan follows a conviction on the part of this government that the reparations question must be divorced from politics, if it is to be settled. Another reason for the proposal to have financial authorities recommend a reparations sum is that it planned that these authorities in presenting their conclusions could also come forward with a project for a loan to Germany which American bankers stand ready to float, and the word of these men will carry the weight of authority and confidence to the investing world.

While it has not been finally decided, President Harding at present does not contemplate calling the conference or commission of inquiry to meet in Washington. It is more probable that it would meet some place in Europe, possibly Brussels or a neutral spot like The Hague. Also, it is possible that some neutral nations might be asked to participate.

While France again is apparently the stumbling block, it is still hoped that she will accept the American proposal and it is noted that Hughes said at the conclusion of his speech: "I hope that the authorities may soon be found for frank discussion and determination of what is essentially an economic problem."

FALL TO RESIGN POST, IS REPORT

(By The United Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of the Interior Fall has decided to resign from President Harding's cabinet and will retire March 4, the Washington Post, regarded as well informed on administration affairs, declared in a copyrighted article published here today.

Although reports have been current that Fall would resign, because of friction with President Harding and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace over the proposal to transfer the forestry bureau to the department of the interior, the Post declared he is leaving the cabinet to give more attention to business interests. Fall's office would not comment on the report today.

PERRY PREDICTS BUILDING.

Perry, Okla., Dec. 30.—Good building prospects here are promised with the announcement that many structures will soon be under construction. Land has been secured here for the site of a large refinery, by the Garber Refining company, and other businesses are expected to follow with the new buildings.

GIANT CHICAGO OFFICER RISKS LIFE IN RESCUE

(By The United Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Ten small children were rescued in a tenement fire early today by Police Sergeant Charles Eltz.

The building, housing eight families, was enveloped in flames when Eltz entered.

A giant in stature—the largest man on the Chicago force—he went from flat to flat gathering the sleeping children under his arms. When he emerged his clothing was afire and he was nearly exhausted, but he had saved every child in the burning building. Only after all were saved did Eltz turn in the fire alarm.

CHARGES SOLDIER HOSPITAL FAULTY

Commander Owsley, American Legion to Investigate Statement of El Paso Post Chief That Building Dangerous.

(By The United Press.)

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—Investigation will be started by the American Legion, according to National Commander Alvin M. Owsley, who charges made by R. M. McGrew, commander of the local post, that a \$600,000 infirmary for United States war veterans completed in June at Fort Bayard, N. M., is crumbling because of faulty plans.

McGrew, in an address at a function honoring Owsley, declared that 250 tubercular patients were ordered out of the hospital when "the walls cracked, the transoms were broken and the doors wedged tight."

Efforts to bolster up the walls with giant timbers failed, McGrew declared. He blames federal architects for weakness in the plans for the building.

Treasury department investigators are now enroute to Fort Bayard to investigate conditions at the hospital, McGrew said.

TURN POLITICAL PRISONERS FREE

Eight Sentences Commuted by Harding; Men Must Leave Country Within 60 Days or Go to Jail, Says Order.

(By The United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Harding today commuted the sentences of eight "political prisoners," Attorney-General Daugherty announced.

The eight political prisoners must leave the country within sixty days or they will be returned to prison. President Harding stipulated in his commutation of sentence, the department of justice announced.

The men are:

Aurelio V. Azuara, C. J. Bourg, Peter Green, Charles L. Lambert, Harry Lloyd, Burt Lorton, Sam Scarlett and Archie Sinclair. No home addresses were given.

All were sentenced August 30, 1918, for violation of the espionage act. Azuara was sentenced to twenty years and a fine of \$10,000 and costs; Bourg was sentenced to ten years and \$30,000 and costs; Green, ten years and \$20,000 and costs; Lambert, twenty years and \$10,000 and costs; Lloyd, five years and \$20,000 and costs; Lorton, ten years and \$20,000 and costs; Scarlett, twenty years and \$10,000 and costs; Sinclair, ten years and \$30,000 and costs.

MAN IS SUICIDE OFFICERS STATE

Declaring, after consulting with officers, that "it was a plain case of suicide," County Attorney Ben Goff this morning declined to call a coroner's inquest over the body of J. L. Morris, 62, retired farmer, who died late last night at the home of his son, Will Morris, 1312 South Twelfth street.

OIL FRONT QUIET AS END OF YEAR DRAWING NEARER

Little Nick and Crump and Beard Only Wells Threatening Today; South Area Booked for Second Completion.

OPTIMISM EVIDENT AS OILERS COMPLETE PLAN

Believe First of Year Will See Real Campaign Launched; Many Oil Men Leave to Spend New Year's Day at Home.

With the approach of the new year action along the oil front in Grady county has taken a slump, there apparently being a sort of armistice declared until after the demise of 1922.

There appeared two bright spots in the field today where developments threatened. These were the Little Nick Oil company's well in the southwest of section 26-5n-8w and the well of Crump and Beard on the Empire lease in section 23-5n-8w.

The Little Nick was scheduled for a completion this afternoon. It was indicated in a statement from the office of the company that drilling was to start shortly after noon. An exceptionally thick sand had been drilled and preparations were being made to bail the well. By the middle of the afternoon a new producer was to have been added to the ever-increasing flock in the field.

Crump Well Uncertain.

Uncertainty shrouded the movements at the Crump and Beard well, according to available reports this morning. Not that there was anything secret about it. The uncertain part of it was that no one seemed to know whether the well would be bailed today or not. Those in charge could not be located to verify or deny the report that the well would be bailed today.

In the south country, around the Sunray mammoth gaser, in section 14-4n-8w, there are several wells drilling, but only one is booked for a completion soon. This is the Harwell well in section 14-4n-8w. It was generally believed in oil circles this morning that this well would be drilled in about January 2. Others are nearing the sand, but the Harwell well was said to be the only one really threatening.

Oilers Take Layoff.

General appearances around the hotels, supported by reports from the field this morning, showed that the oil men, operators, lease holders and brokers had decided to knock off work, take a breathing spell and in general "dig in" until after January 1.

There were few of "the boys" to be found this morning. Many had gone to their homes to spend the remainder of the year and to "get acquainted with their families" again, as one man put it. Others had been called to their home offices for a year-end conference with executives at which plans for "drive" in 1923 were to be gone over in detail.

A comparative few are "stickin' around" and keeping an ear to the ground for something to break loose. In the last couple of weeks that one of the best things the oilers have been doing—just expecting something to break loose. Some say that some of the operators have been having a hard time keeping that "something" from breaking.

No Show of Pessimism.

While things are quiet this week-end, there is no show of pessimism on the part of anyone. Optimism is shown everywhere and you can't find any fraternity members who will tell you that the field's all a fluke and that there's nothing but gas out there.

While the past six months have seen much development, it is predicted that the real goods in the drilling line will not get under way for delivery until some time in January. During the "lull" of the past week a flock of deals have been persistently reported, and it is known that plans are being made for a real campaign, once the new year ushers the old and worn out boy toward the dumping ground.

As the old year goes, the optimism is reflected in every line of business in Chickasha. Merchants and business men are hitching up their belts a notch and getting ready for things to go to happening mighty sudden.

Maryland highway policemen have weighing jacks to test car weights on the road.

WAR VETERAN ROBBED.

(By The United Press.)

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Albert Rivers, Canadian war veteran of Montreal, who is tongueless, blind in one eye, and deaf, was held up and robbed of a small sum of money and his service emblem here last night.

The veteran, according to a card he showed police, was a victim of a German prison camp.

NICHLOS ISSUES CASE STATEMENT

Says He Will File Answer to Thweatt Suit Wherein Local Druggist Claims Half Interest in Grady Properties.

Declaring his answer to the petition filed by R. P. Thweatt, local druggist, claiming one-half interest in the defendant's oil and gas properties in the Chickasha field, will be filed some time within the next few days, John B. Nichlos this morning issued the following written statement:

"I am not attempting to try the case in the newspapers, but I have enjoyed the public confidence of the people in connection with my operations and they have in most instances given me their hearty cooperation, and I assure them that when the case is tried, they will fully understand the reasons why it was filed.

"Mr. Thweatt never paid, advanced or loaned any money in connection with the development or operations which resulted in bringing in the gas field, and had nor has no interest in my property or holdings.

"It is frequently the case that when some one surrenders in doing something that looks as though large enough profits might result, some man conceives the idea that he would like to be interested and seeks to declare himself in on the deal, and this is a more frequent occurrence in oil field operations.

"I am grateful to everyone for the moral and financial assistance but I do not propose to be intimidated by lawsuits or threatened by lawsuits. I shall fight this case from every standpoint and let the courts determine whether Mr. Thweatt or myself is in the right. Of course the filing of this case clouds titles and has caused and will cause considerable financial loss and embarrassment and in a way, delay development, but these are matters for the courts to adjust between Mr. Thweatt and myself."

QUIET DAY SEEN FOR NEW YEAR'S

Stores and Business Houses to Close Entire Day; City and County Officers Will Rest; No Mail Delivered.

Indications today pointed to a quiet New Year's day here.

J. H. Williams, secretary of the Retail Merchants' association, announced that retail stores will be closed during the entire day, and that it would be a complete holiday as far as the merchants of the city are concerned.

Banking houses, offices at the city hall and those at the county court house will be closed. Drug stores and confectioneries will be the only establishments open for business, it was stated.

The city's postal force will rest Monday. Windows will be closed all day, and neither city nor rural deliveries will be made. Postmaster Barefoot said this morning. However, he added, mail will be received and dispatched as usual and letters and parcels bearing special delivery stamps will be delivered by special carrier.

TURKS MEET ONE POINT.

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—Turkey has met one of the two "breaking points" of the Lausanne conference—the dispute over the Mosul oil fields, with a proposal for a plebiscite to see whether the rich lands shall be Turkish or British.

ONE KNOWN DEAD IN HALF MILLION FIRE AT ARDMORE

Two Blocks Destroyed; Wind Whips Flames, Spreading Over Big Area; Police Search Ruins for More Victims.

TWO ARE MISSING, IS BELIEF OF OFFICERS

Register of Rooming House Burned, Preventing Check on Guests; Railroad Yard Soaks Checks Roaring Blaze.

(By The United Press.)

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 30.—A man by the name of Cole, believed to be from the Wilson oil fields, near here, was burned to death in a fire here early today, wiping out two blocks of frame business buildings. Property damage was placed at \$500,000 by fire officials.

Search of debris of a rooming house destroyed in the blaze failed to reveal bodies of two other persons reported missing earlier. The register of the rooming house was destroyed.

Police said there were no clues as to the origin of the fire, which was spread by a strong wind.

C. P. Hall Furniture company and Brooks Burner Store factory were the heaviest losers. Entire contents of both business buildings were destroyed.

The fire seemed to have broken out simultaneously in the furniture store and in the rooming house, which was adjoining.

A wide space of railroad tracks and vault work on the part of the local fire department prevented the flames from spreading into a thickly populated residence section.

Practically the entire local population was attracted to the scene of the blaze. Many persons watched and helped fight the fire dressed only in their night clothes, police said.

(By The United Press.)

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 30.—One person is dead and two others are unaccounted for as a result of a fire early today which wiped out two business blocks here.

Property damage was estimated at more than \$150,000.

The charred body of an unidentified man was removed from the ruins of a rooming house in the fire-swept area. Firemen said they believed several more persons perished in the blaze and are searching the debris as fast as it cools.

The register of the rooming house was lost in the blaze, but Mrs. L. P. Folsom, proprietor, said at least two other persons are unaccounted for.

The fire, of unknown origin, was first discovered at 1:30 a. m. A strong wind caused the blaze to spread, resulting in half a block of frame buildings being in flames by the time fire-fighting apparatus arrived. Efforts to confine the blaze to one block were futile, as the strong wind carried the blaze across the street intersection.

The blaze was discovered in the C. P. Hall Furniture company's building. The Brooks Burner stove factory, a two-story rooming house and numerous small frame buildings were among those destroyed.

A wide space of railroad tracks prevented further spread of the fire into a thickly populated residence section.

ROUGE WAITS ON NEXT SENSATION

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 30.—Morehouse parish, excited and expectant, today awaited its next thrill as a result of terrorist outbreaks and the state's efforts to smash the hooded bands.

Mer Rouge and Bastrop showed the strain of suspense as townspeople prepared for another sensation—expected to be the arrest of forty or more prominent citizens on charges of murder.

Neighbor suspected neighbor, while those under surveillance masked their actions as they masked their fears during the orgy last August. None had made a break that would confirm the sweeping intimations of the investigators.

Fifty-five deaths occurred in air plane accidents in the United States during 1921.

CHILD STICKS UP POLICE TO GET DAD "OUT"

(By The United Press.)
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—And a little child shall lead them—at the point of a gun!

Thirteen-year-old Manuel Kendrick took matters into his own hands here today when police refused to release his father, who had been put in jail for drunkenness.

At the point of a pistol he waylaid Chief of Police Charles Dillard at his home and marched him to jail to release his father. At the jail the tables were turned and young Kendrick was lodged behind the bars with his father.

PARSON-SHERIFF ON BOOZE COUNT

Former Preacher and Now Sheriff at Des Moines Accused of Disposing of \$30,000 Worth of Liquor From Bastille.

(By The United Press.)

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Walter E. Robb, sheriff of Polk county and former preacher, was arrested today, charged with larceny and illegal disposal of liquor.

George Robb, a deputy and brother of the sheriff, was also arrested on the same charge.

The two are accused in connection with the alleged disappearance of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the county jail.

Arrests were made by Coroner Chitt, the only official empowered to take the sheriff into custody.

Rev. Robb became nationally known when he sprung the trap hanging two men convicted of murder.

The sensational arrest came on the eve of the sheriff's retirement from office.

He planned to go on the lecture platform after January 1, to speak on "The New Evangelism."

The arrests were ordered by Vernon Seeburger, assistant county attorney, who investigated the theft of fifty cases of bonded liquor from the top floor of the county jail.

A few hours previous to the arrest of the Robbs, Clyde Murray, son of the jailer, was taken into custody and the sheriff announced grand larceny charges would be filed against the young man.

HARDING PLAN IS DUE BITTER BOUT

By LAWRENCE MARTIN.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The administration's plan for dealing with the world economic crisis will be bitterly fought in congress.

Though the Harding-Hughes commission of experts to solve the reparations problem as revealed by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech and by Mr. Harding himself, does not contemplate any request to either house of congress within the near future for further legislative authority in both houses the plan will be criticized in a way calculated to arouse public opinion against it.

Inevitably in the opinion of administration spokesmen in the senate, Mr. Harding must ask for broader grants of power from congress before his plan can be fully carried out. When he does this, he will face probable defeat, administration leaders admitted today, unless in the meantime the country has been won over to his plan as the only possible solution.

The manner in which the administration has thus far conducted its efforts to set in motion an economic conference of some sort has angered not only democrats, but some republicans in congress, for these reasons.

1. Because President Harding, in his letter to Senator Lodge in the Borah amendment for an economic conference reiterated the position so often taken by presidents that the senate should keep its hands off foreign affairs until it was asked to act.

2. Because the plan as outlined by the various administration spokesmen is considered in congress to be an international bankers plan.

3. Because many members of congress are not convinced by administration denials of any intention to approve cancellation of the Allied war debt. For this reason it will be difficult if not impossible to obtain amendment of the debt refunding act to permit extension of more liberal terms.

SAPULPA JURIST NAMED IN COUNT TO DISBAR DILL

Oklahoma Bar Chairman Files Petition Asking Disbarment of Okemah Lawyer; Refers to Charge Against Wright.

ONE SHOT, ONE HELD IN SHOOTING MATCH TODAY

Special Officer Near Death, "Senator" Elkins Held; Story of Affair Says Wright Was Present at Wild Party.

(By The United Press.)

Oklahoma City, Dec. 30.—District Judge Lucien B. Wright, Sapulpa, mentioned as being present at the shooting of J. H. Ferguson as the climax of a "wild party" here early today, jumped farther into the limelight at the capital this afternoon.

Ben F. Williams, Oklahoma bar commission chairman, filed a petition in supreme court for disbarment of W. H. Dill, Okemah attorney, from practicing law in this state. The charge was made that Dill had admitted openly to having bribed Judge Wright in oil litigation in Tulsa county in the spring of 1921.

A deposition by Dill sworn before a Tulsa notary was introduced by Williams in which Dill rehearsed how he had met Wright in Oklahoma City and laid plans for the purchase of a \$3,000 interest in the contested oil holdings.

According to the deposition Dill bought the interest March 30, 1921. He informed Judge Wright of the transaction, according to the deposition.

"Good," he quoted the judge as saying. "That is all right. We will now give the oil companies a good frisking."

The deposition was filed by Dill in an attempt to force Wright to disqualify himself in the John T. Boxley et al suit in Creek county. Chairman Williams flayed Dill in his disbarment petition as a "depraved character, wholly untrustworthy," and a "traitor to the purposes for which courts exist."

He branded him as a "briber and corruptor of officers," pointing out that "he swore openly he was guilty of the infamous crime and advertising to the world that he, an attorney at law, and an officer of the court, was a briber."

Williams branded the affair as "the basest and most atrocious crime that an attorney may commit."

Shooting Is Staged.

(By The United Press.)

Oklahoma City, Dec. 30.—J. H. Ferguson, special police officer, was near death in a local hospital today, and "Senator" Charles A. Elkins, former Alabama state senator, was being held in jail as a result of a shooting scrape climaxing a "party" here early today, according to police officers.

District Judge Lucien B. Wright, Sapulpa, who was said to have been with Elkins at the time of the shooting, was held for a time in the office of Police Captain Wilkie, but was later allowed to leave.

Two women, Marguerite Reeves and Rosa Walker, occupants of the house where the "wild party" and shooting occurred, were notified to hold themselves in readiness to be called as witnesses, according to Captain Wilkie.

According to Elkins' story, he and Wright had gone to the place of the shooting from another "party." Ferguson was at the latter place, as were the women, when the two alleged revelers arrived, Elkins said.

Details of the argument preceding the shooting could not be obtained. "For God's sake go easy with Judge Wright," Elkins is alleged to have pleaded.

Judge Wright is one of the state's most widely known jurists, owing to sensational cases in which he has figured in the past year. Sitting on the district court bench at Okmulgee, Wright recently granted a change of venue to Governor J. B. A. Robertson that moved bribery charges against the executive to Pontotoc county.

RED CROSS IS ACTIVE.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Six thousand Christmas boxes were distributed by chapters in the southwestern division of the American Red Cross to soldiers, both active and ex-service men, in the hospitals of this division. Every patient in the United States Veterans' hospitals and every patient in the regular army, navy and marine hospitals was remembered by every Junior Red Cross unit in the division, it was announced at headquarters.